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DRAFTED BY M/CT:LDHECK:IJG  
APPROVED BY M/CT - AMBASSADOR HECK  
ARA - MR. DEVINE  
S/S - MR. SHANKLE

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: NIEHOUS CASE

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR HECK

1. WITH FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NIEHOUS' INCARCERATION  
APPROACHING ALL TOO FAST, I AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
THIS CASE WHICH SEEMS TO BE ON DEAD CENTER. IN ORDER TO  
MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT LEAVING ANY STONE UNTURNED, WE  
ARE PLANNING SESSION WITH ALL RELEVANT ELEMENTS OF USG AND  
POSSIBLE SECOND SESSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OWENS-  
ILLINOIS. BEFORE SCHEDULING FIRST MEETING, IT WOULD BE  
HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE  
MIGHT GO, FIRST, TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER NIEHOUS IS ALIVE AND,  
IF SO, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BREAK PRESENT IMPASSE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE (A) YOUR CUR-  
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RENT ASSESSMENT OF GOV CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS IN THIS  
MATTER AND (B) YOUR COMMENTS ON POINTS LISTED IN MY LETTER  
OF JANUARY 10.  
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